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The Honorable Tom Murtry, Chairman  
Committee on Post Office and Civil Service  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is with further reference to your letter of 14 October 1955 and my reply of 18 November 1955 regarding the conservation of manpower in the Federal Government.

As requested, we have completed a self study of the manpower in the Central Intelligence Agency. This survey was directed primarily at the effect on the work of the Agency should a ten per cent reduction in manpower be effected. The conclusion drawn in brief, was that the curtailment of our effort resultant from a ten per cent reduction in manpower would not be in the national interest.

In our study of manpower utilization careful analysis was made as to whether there was duplication of effort within the Agency or between it and other agencies. Further, those tasks which were being performed at the request of, or primarily for the use of other government agencies were tabulated. The results of this portion of the study are being carefully studied to determine what manpower savings can be made.

Finally, an analysis was made of the requirements levied upon the Central Intelligence Agency by appropriate authority which could not be adequately fulfilled by our present manpower. This is an important aspect of the problem, inasmuch as most of the Agency's work is done at the specific direction of the National Security Council and to provide intelligence for other government agencies.

Our final report is classified "Top Secret". However, I would be glad to go over it with you, or have my staff review it with the Committee's Chief Counsel. I can assure you that we have endeavored to fully comply with the desires of the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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